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ARGENTINA - PEN PRISONERS

As we have stated in the past there has been significant human rights progress in Argentina since 1979. One of the areas noted has been the dramatic reduction in prisoners held by the Executive under its state-of-siege powers without recourse to trial. That number has been reduced through release or option to leave the country from over 8,000 in 1977-78 to about 900 today. We are pleased to note that progress in this area has continued; the Argentine Embassy has informed us that within the past month 59 additional persons have been released from this status, and we expect further good news on this front in the near future.

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☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s):

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